

Remarks

The Office Action mailed on May 19, 2004 indicated that claims 2-4, 6-8, and 10-12 would be allowed if amended to include the substantive limitations of the base claims. The applicant has amended the case so that the rejected claims include all of the limitations of the base claims.

Submission of Certified Copy

Applicant submits herewith the certified copy of Japanese Application No. 2002-244862 on which Applicant claimed priority under §119. Applicant requests that the Office acknowledge receipt of the certified copy.

35 U.S.C. §102 Rejection of Claims 1, 5 and 9

Applicant has canceled claims 1, 5 and 9, thus, the rejection to these claims is now moot. Applicant has added the substantive limitations of these claims to claims 2, 6 and 10 respectively. Claims 2, 6 and 10 are allowable for the reasons set forth below.

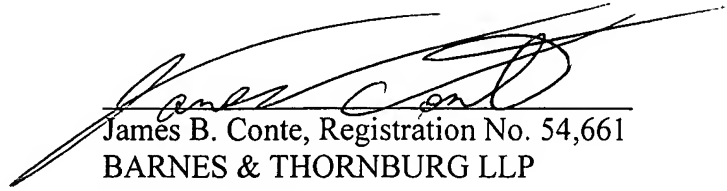
Allowability of Claims 2-4, 6-8 and 10-12

The Examiner indicated that claims 2-4, 6-8 and 10-12 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Claims 2, 6 and 10 have been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of their respective base claims. These claims are thus allowable. The remaining dependent claims 3-4, 7-8 and 11-12, respectively, depend upon now allowable claims 2, 6 and 10. Therefore, these dependent claims are themselves allowable.

Conclusion

Applicant has placed the claims in condition for allowance in accordance with the suggestions by the Examiner. No new matter has been added. A Notice of Allowance should now issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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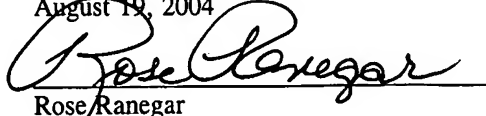
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